present whether there will be plenty of water to supply the needs of the Trichur Town.

President.—I have not as yet seen the site. Will you please show me the site when next I come to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Can the Government say whether they would supply water to Trichur this summer itself?

President.—It is hoped that there would be ample supply of water from this source itself, and the idea is to have the supply of water ready by the 1st of Meenam.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Do the Government think of introducing pipe system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

President.—But the idea is that there will be a reservoir in the Tekkinkad Maidan where water will be stored and sent down to the Town by gravitation.

235. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has received a memorial from the public of Trichur praying for the immediate introduction of a scheme of water supply in the Municipal areas, and

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings issued on the subject is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Petition regarding interception of tobacco.

236. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government received a petition dated 6th Meenam 1103 from Chemmanur Aypu Tharu, a licensee of A class shop stating that a licensee of a B class tobacco shop in Mundur intercepted the B class licensee of Peringandur who had purchased tobacco from the petitioner and carried away the tobacco and pass issued to him by the petitioner;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted with reference to this petition, and if so, when and by whom and what is its result;

(c) whether it was brought to the attention of the Excise Superintendent that the B class licensee of Avanur who purchased tobacco from the above petitioner on 8th Makaram 1103 was intercepted on his way and whether the petitioner was asked to seek redress in a court of law and following it, whether sanction to prosecute the alleged offenders including the aminadar and salt peon was applied for;

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(d) whether any reply was sent to this and if so, when, and if not, why not ;

(e) whether it was stated in the petition to the Diwan dated 6th Meenam 1103 referred to in part (a) that the tobacco and the pass were then handed over by him to the A class licensee, Krishnan Nayar, his uncle, who then forwarded them to the Inspector and thence to the Magistrate ; what action the Magistrate and the Inspector took in the matter ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The Trichur Inspector conducted an enquiry on 27th Edavam 1103 and subsequent days. The petition was eventually dismissed.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes, on 3rd Meenam 1103. The latter part of the question does not arise.

(e) Yes. The Magistrate returned the tobacco to the Inspector who in his turn returned it to the person who produced it before him.

Half-time system in Schools.

237. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the total number of Sirkar schools into which the half-time system or the double shift system has been introduced and what is the total number of aided schools into which the same system has been introduced ;

(b) of the aided schools which have adopted this system how many have done so at the request or instance of the Government and how many have adopted it voluntarily ;

(c) has the Director ascertained the view of the majority of the managers of these aided schools as to whether they are for continuing it, or whether they are for abolishing it altogether, and if so, what is their view ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Sirkar schools 27.

Aided schools 157.

(b) Aided Malayalam school Managers have been asked to introduce the system in the Lower Primary Department as vacancies arose. As has repeatedly been stated in this House, the system has been necessitated mainly by limitation of funds.

(c) The view of the majority not ascertained—but many are not in favour of it.

The Potteries.

238. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly answer:—

(a) what is the amount expended up to date on the Government Potteries ;

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